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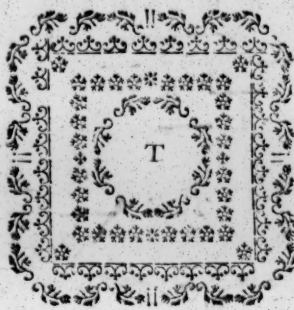
REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY-HOSPITAL in NORTHAMPTON,

From the First of SEPTEMBER, 1765, to the First of SEPTEMBER, 1766.

By Order of the COMMITTEE of GOVERNORS.

With an ABSTRACT of some of the RULES and ORDERS, and a LIST of the
ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS and BENEFACTORS.

PREAMBLE.



THE Public in general, and in particular the Subscribers and Benefactors to this excellent Establishment, whose various Avocations of Business, or distant Residence, prevent them from making themselves Eye-witnesses of its Management and Direction, and of the daily good Effects which it produces, are well entitled to this Annual Report of the State of the County-Hospital, by which they are fully informed of the Encouragement which is given to it, of the Losses which its Income suffers, of the Extent of its present Plan, the Governors Views and Wishes, and their Abilities to carry them into Execution: From a Comparison of the Report of the Year with those Reports that have preceded it, every Person may form a Judgment whether the Institution flourishes or not; and this Comparison will accordingly rejoice the Hearts of the Charitable and Benevolent, or dictate to them the Necessity not only of persevering in the good Work which they have begun, but of stirring up others to join with them in its Support, and may occasionally, it is hoped, make an Impression upon and open the Hearts of those who still withhold, or who have thought fit to withdraw their Assistance from it.

The Income from Annual Subscriptions, which must always be considered as the Fund for this Charity, enables the Governors to continue their Doors open to Fifty In-Patients at one Time; and the Number of those who receive the Benefit of the Hospital, even upon this contracted Plan, is by no means inconsiderable: The last Report speaks of 254, this of 275 In-Patients within the Year; and the Governors will rejoice whenever the Increase of the Number, or of the Value of Subscriptions, Benefactions, and Legacies, shall enable them to enlarge this Plan, and make it as extensive as the Wants of their distressed Neighbours require, or as the most benevolent Mind can wish: In the mean Time, the strictest Oeconomy will be observed in every Article, and all unnecessary Expenses avoided, so that the Whole of the Revenue may be directed to its proper End, to the Relief of the Sick and Lame of this County, and to the Reception of as many such as can be admitted.

The Satisfaction of contributing to the Hospital.

At present how delightful is the Contemplation to every Subscriber, to reflect upon the Heart-felt Joy he is here imparting, at an easy Expence, to his indigent and disabled Fellow-Creatures! to those who best deserve, and who stand most in need of his Assistance. To exchange Pain for Ease, Sickness for Health, and Impotence for Strength and Vigour, is a Blessing scarce more sensibly felt by the Objects of this Charity, than by those whose Fortunes empower them to give it.

Its Use and Advantages.

Here Pity opens all its Stores, and Love displays its Tenders in providing for the Afflicted. Here, instead of Cold, and Nakedness, and Hunger, they have warm and comfortable Lodging, with plentiful and proper Diet: They have the Benefit of immediate Help, regular Attendance, and every Requisit of Cure. Besides these Circumstances, so favourable to a perfect and speedy Recovery, the Patients are here visited by regular and skilful Physicians constantly, (viz. every Wednesday and Saturday, and oftner, if their Cases require it)—and attended by the Apothecary, who constantly resides in the Hospital, and has the general Care of them; and the Chirurgical Cases by the Surgeon in Ordinary, who regularly attends such Patients, and by the two Surgeons Extraordinary, who are at all Times ready to give them their Advice and Assistance. By these Means every Patient in this Hospital is sure to have not only the best, but also immediate Help, a constant and regular Attendance.

Attendance of Physicians and Surgeons.

Spiritual Assistance.

A Clergyman of Northampton constantly attends to visit the Sick, to read Prayers in the Wards, and to give the Communion at proper Times.—For him a Salary of 30l. per Ann. for four Years from Christmas, 1759, has been appropriated by the Will of Mrs. Margaret Webster, deceased; and a farther Sum of 30l. has been given by a Person unknown, to continue the same Salary for one Year more. To this the late Mrs. Dinah Lancaster, of the Town of Northampton, has made an Addition of 100l. by which Means there is a Fund for Spiritual Assistance, on this Plan, which ends with the Year 1767; but as this Salary must then cease, unless a further Provision is made for it, the Governors doubt not but that the Clergy of Northampton, in general, will return with Pleasure to take their Part of this Labour of Love, and in Turns give their Spiritual Attendance to the Patients, as they did before. Care also is taken that Patients of all Persuasions may be attended in the Manner they desire.

House Apothecary. Matron and Nurses.

Governors and Managers of the Charity.

The Apothecary compounds and dispenses all the Medicines. And a Matron lives in, and bath the whole Care of, the House; and Nurses and Servants are provided, in proportion to the Number of the Sick.

The Society for carrying on this Charity consists of a Grand Visitor, President, Fifty or more Governors, and

such a Number of Officers and Servants as shall, from Time to Time, be judged necessary. All Subscribers of 2l. or more per Annum, or Benefactors of 20l. at one Time, for the Use of the Hospital (with the Treasurer and Members of the Weekly Committee for the Time being) are Governors; a Committee of whom meet every Saturday Morning, about Eleven, to do the current Business of the Hospital; to examine the Reports of the House-Visitors; to admit and discharge Patients; to receive the Complaints or Proposals of all Persons; and to prepare such Matters as are proper for the Consideration of the General Courts.

General Courts.

A General Court of Governors is held four Times a Year, viz. the first Saturday in September (at which Court only New Statutes and Standing Orders can be made, or the Old repealed, and the Treasurer, Physicians, and Surgeons, and all Officers, are annually chosen) the Saturday after Christmas-Day—the Saturday in Easter-Week—and on the first Saturday in July, to take the Reports of the Committee—inspect the Accounts—and transact such other Business as shall be laid before them.

Anniversary Meeting.

An Anniversary Meeting of all the Contributors is held every Year about Michaelmas (on a Day appointed by the Stated Court in September, of which timely Notice is given in the Northampton Mercury) when a Report of the State of the Hospital—of the Number of Patients received and discharged in the preceding Year—with the Proceedings of the Governors, and an Abstract of the Accounts for the Year past, is laid before them, and printed for the Satisfaction of the Public.

As this Society cannot be conducted regularly without keeping to the Rules and Orders which have been made for the Government of it—Those Rules and Orders have been printed and published, for the general Information of all Persons whatsoever.—And the Subscribers and Contributors to this Hospital are desired to take particular Notice of the following Rules and Orders, viz.

Some of the Rules and Orders of this Society.

I. That no Person can recommend a Patient, while his Subscription is in Arrear, nor any Persons be admitted Patients, who are able to furnish themselves, and pay for Medicines. And that every Patient will be discharged of course by the Committee, within two Months after Admission, unless the Physicians and Surgeons have Reason to believe the Patient may receive some considerable Benefit by a farther Trial.

II. That no Person can be admitted a Patient (except in Cases of Accidents, which are taken in at any Hour of the Day or Night, Beds being kept always empty, and ready for that Purpose) without a Recommendation Letter, and Certificate, signed by a Subscriber or Benefactor, in the Manner following:

"To the Governors of the County-Hospital in Northampton.

"Gentlemen,

"I desire you will admit, if a proper Object of the Charity, with regard to b Dissemper, (being well satisfied b is so as to b Circumstances,) the Bearer A. B. who lives in the Parish of to be an (In) or (Out) Patient in the County-Hospital; and you will oblige, &c.

N. B. This Letter and Certificate, under the Hand of every Person who recommends a Patient, must be delivered to the Weekly Committee on Saturday Morning, between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock; and no In-Patient can be admitted till Fifteen Shillings are deposited to defray the Expences of Burial, in case of Death; which shall be returned when the Patient is discharged, deducting the necessary Expence (if any) of Removal, Washing, &c.

III. That no Domestic Servant be admitted (except in Compound Fractures, Coughing, Trepanning, or Amputations) No Woman big with Child, No Children under Seven Years of Age, No Persons disordered in their Senses, or suspected to have the Small-Pox, Itch, or any other infectious Dissemper, or apprehended to be in a Consumptive Condition, or to have the Venereal Disease, be admitted into the Hospital as In-Patients on any Account whatever, or permitted to stay in it.

N. B. As no Persons, suspected to have the Itch, or other infectious Dissemper, can, by the above Rule, be admitted; the Governors desire all Persons to give Directions, that the Patients they recommend be sent to the Hospital in decent Clothing, free from Vermin, and with proper Change of Linen, that they may be kept clean.

IV. That no Patient discharged for Irregularity, or disorderly Behaviour, be received again into this Hospital, upon any Recommendation whatsoever.

V. That no Person, related to the Hospital, do at any Time presume (on pain of Expulsion) to give or take of any Tradesman, Patient, Servant, Stranger, or other Person, any Fee, Reward, or Gratification of any Kind, directly, or indirectly, for any Service done, or to be done, on account of this Hospital.

VI. That a Letter be sent to all Subscribers, whose Subscriptions are in Arrear; which, it is hoped, none will be offended at, as they may forget to make the Payments regularly.

VII. When there are more Patients recommended than can be admitted into the House, a Preference is given, in the First Place, to those who come from the greatest Distance—in the Second Place, to such Subscribers who have not recommended within the Year—and, in the Third Place, to such as are recommended by the greatest Subscribers, and whose Admission, the Committee are of Opinion, will most effectually answer the End of the Charity: And the rest, if proper Objects, are admitted Out-Patients till they can be admitted into the Hospital.

Method of admittance when the Hospital is full.

The

The STATE of the PATIENTS from September 1, 1765, to September 1, 1766.

In-Patients remaining in the House, brought from last Year's Account		34	Out-Patients remaining on the Books, brought from last Year's Account		69
Admitted since		241	Admitted since		305
Total		275	Total		374
Discharged	Cured	186	Discharged	Cured	233
	Having receiv'd great Benefit, whose Cases would admit of no farther Relief	27		Having receiv'd great Benefit, whose Cases would admit of no farther Relief	22
	No better	2		At their own Desire,	2
	At their own Request	2		For Non-Attendance, many of whom are known to be cured	29
	Made Out-Patients	10		Made In-Patients	8
	Improper Objects	2		Improper Object	1
	Dead	9		Remaining on the Books	79
Remaining in the House		37	Total		374
Total		275			

Total of the In and Out-Patients perfectly Cured this Year 419.

Total of all the PATIENTS perfectly cured (and registered accordingly) from the first Opening of the County-Hospital, March 29, 1744, to September 1, 1766, --- 5637.

Besides the Cure of these 5637, Nine Hundred and Forty-five have received great Benefit—and several others, who were known to be cured, (or greatly relieved) have not had the Gratitude to return publick Thanks, and consequently could not be register'd properly by the Committee.

N. B. In the above Number are included 1095 Persons that were admitted upon sudden Accidents, or Cases that would admit of no Delay, without any Recommendation whatsoever; of these there have been no less than 109 in the present Year.

An ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS from SEPTEMBER 1, 1765, to SEPTEMBER 1, 1766.

R E C E I P T S, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
Balance of the last Year's Accounts	109	12	1
Annual Subscriptions and Arrears	660	1	4
Benefactions	101	2	1
Legacies	269	9	0
Collected at <i>All-Saints Church</i> , at the last } Anniversary Meeting	42	13	4
Cash from the several Poor's Boxes	9	17	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subsistence-Money for several Soldiers	2	2	0
One Year's Dividend on 1300 <i>l.</i> Three <i>per</i> } <i>Cent.</i> Consolidated Bank Annuities	39	0	0

Total 1233 17 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

P A Y M E N T S, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
Supply of Linen, &c.	15	12	10
Repairs, &c.	62	2	8
Drugs and Medicines, including Sugar for } the Dispensary, &c. &c.	106	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Phials, &c. for the Apothecary's Shop	6	15	4
Groceries, viz. Rice, Sugar, &c.	18	17	0
Malt, 224 Bushels	50	5	0
Hops, 89 lb.	6	6	0
Bread, Flour, Baking, &c.	101	14	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Butchers' Meat	142	9	10
Cheese, 12 C. 2 qr. 17 lb.	19	9	3
Butter, 702 lb.	21	19	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Milk	11	15	7
Soap, 174 lb.	4	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Candles, 30 Dozen	9	16	4
Coals and Faggots	101	15	9
Salt, 345 lb.	1	15	4
Oatmeal, 13 Bushels	3	13	8
Carriage of Goods, &c.	4	9	0
Casualties, which include Part of the Marron's } Incidents, and other little Articles, not re- } ducible to any of the above Heads	15	14	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Land and Window Tax to <i>Lady-Day</i> , 1766, } Vicar's Dues, and Insurance,	11	19	8
Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities	108	12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Printing 750 Reports, 6 <i>l.</i> for 500 Dr. <i>Stonehouse's</i> } Friendly Advice, 5 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> Advertisements, &c.	14	2	0
Books and Stationary Wares	10	13	0
Total Expenses	850	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance in the Treasurer's Hands	383	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total	1233	17	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

A General ABSTRACT of the whole Accounts, from the Foundation, SEPT. 20, 1743, to SEPT. 1, 1766.

R E C E I P T S.				P A Y M E N T S.			
	l.	s.	d.		l.	s.	d.
Subscriptions, &c. (including Dividends on Stock) &c.	15749	12	3½	Expences, as by former Accounts	—	19956	16 5
Benefactions	1772	16	4	Expences this Year, as by the above Account	—	850	11 9½
Legacies	2275	7	0			20807	8 2½
Collected at the Church-Doors, at the Anniversaries, from Time to Time	992	4	5	Balance in the Treasurer's Hands	—	383	5 8½
Poor's Boxes	400	13	10½				
Total	21190	13	10½	Total	—	21190	13 10½

BENEFACTIONS and LEGACIES received this YEAR.

	l.	s.	d.		l.	s.	d.
1765				May 6. Mrs. Esther Lucas, late of London, by her Will	29	9	0
Sept. 20. A BENEFACTION from a Lady and a Gentleman, who desire their Names may be concealed, paid by the Rev. Mr. Quartley, of Wicken	100	0	0	A Benefaction from a Person unknown, by Mr. Henry Thompson	0	10	6
Mr. John Payne, late of Burton-Lattimer, by his Will	20	0	0	Aug. 30. By a Legacy from Mrs. Edmunda Ibbam, late of Northampton,	100	0	0
1766. Mr. Holmes, late of Northampton, by March 1, his Will	50	0	0	By a Legacy from Mr. Anthony Kerton, late of Harleston,	20	0	0
April 12. Mr. John Clarke, late of Hardingsstone, by his Will	50	0	0	Total	370	10	0
A Benefaction from Miss Parker, of Brington, Huntingdonshire	0	10	6				

Also the Legacy of 100 l. before-mentioned, left by Mrs. DINAH LANCASTER.

From SEPTEMBER 1, 1765, to SEPTEMBER 1, 1766.

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		Annual Subscriptions	Subscrip paid.	Years in Arrear.			Annual Subscriptions.	Subscrip paid.	Years in Arrear.			Annual Subscriptions.	Subscrip paid.	Years in Arrear.
		l. s.	l. s.				l. s.	l. s.				l. s.	l. s.	
Mr. Stephen Tyers	London	1	1	1	Mr. James Woolston,	Northampton	1	1	1	Parish of	Moulton	2	2	2
Richard Tryce Esq;	Peterborough	1	1	1	Attorney at Law					Parish of	Kingsthorpe	1	1	1
Rev. Mr. Tompion	Moulton	1	1	1	Mrs. Walford	Deventry	1	1	1	Parish of	Flower	1	1	1
Rev. Mr. Trotter		1	1	1	Rev. Mr. Watkin, Ma-	Courtenball	1	1	2	Parish of	Bugbrooke	1	1	1
REV Mr. Vaux	Courtenball	2	2	8	ster of the Grammar-					Parish of	All-Saints North'ton	5	5	5
W					Scool at					Parish of	St. Sepulchre, ditto	1	1	1
R T. Hon. the Earl		5	5	5	Mrs. Frances Woolston	Northampton	1	1	1	Parish of	St. Giles, ditto	1	1	1
of Winchelsea					Mr. Henry Woolley,	Northampton	1	1	1	Parish of	St. Peter, ditto	1	1	1
and Nottingham					Master of the Board-					Parish of	Waldgrave	1	1	1
Rt. Rev. John Ld. Bp.		6	6	6	ing-School					Parish of	Little-Houghton	1	1	1
of Winchester					Rev. Mr. Welchman	Dodford	1	1	1	Parish of	Brayfield-on-the-Green	1	1	1
Mrs. Ward	Aynho	5	5	5	Re. Mr. W. on	Rushden	1	1	1	Parish of	Green's Norton	1	1	1
Joseph Wilcocks, Esq;	Barton-Seagrave	5	5	5	Mrs. Wentworth, Lil-	Oxfordshire	1	1	1	Parish of	Plumpton	1	1	1
John Willes, Esq;	Astrop	5	5	5	lingstone Lovel					Parish of	Silveston	1	1	1
Matthew Wyldbore, Esq;	Peterborough	3	3	2	Mrs. Susanna Woolston	Northampton	1	1	1	Parish of	Kelmarsh	1	1	1
Sir Thomas Ward	Guilsborough	3	3		Mrs. Sarah Willes	Ditto	1	1	1	Parish of	Brixworth	1	1	1
Rev. Mr. Palmer Whalley	Eaton	3	3	3	Mr. William Wykes,	Northampton	1	1	2	Parish of	West-Haddon	1	1	1
Thomas Ward, Esq;	Little-Houghton	2	2	2	Coach-Master					Parish of	Marston-Trussel	1	1	1
Mrs. Woodhull	Aynho	2	2	2	Y					Parish of	Charwelton	1	1	1
Edward Whitton, Esq;	Northampton	2	2	2	REV. Dr. Yarbo-	Oxford	2	2	2	Parish of	Harpole	1	1	1
Thomas Warriner, Esq;	Peterborough	2	2	2	rough, Principal					Parish of	Towcester	2	2	2
Mrs. Whalley	Eaton	2	2	2	of Bruzen-Nose Col.	Whittlebury	1	1	1	Parish of	Blisworth	1	1	1
Mrs. Rebecca Woolston	Northampton	1	1	1	Rev. Mr. Yates	Orlinsbury	1	1	1	Parish of	Overstone	1	1	1
Rev. Mr. Woodford	Pisford	1	1	1	Allen Young, Esq;	Thrapston	1	1	1	Parish of	Sywell	1	1	1
Rev. Mr. Warren	Bugbrooke	1	1	1	Mr. Yorke					Parish of	Clifton	1	1	1
Mr. Welchman, Attor-	Brackley	1	1	1	P A R I S H E S.					Parish of	Leaver-Heyford	1	1	1
ney at Law					P	Wooden-Beck	2	2	2	Parish of	Upper-Heyford	1	1	1
					Parish of	Haraingstone	2	2	2	Parish of	Faulerpswy	2	2	2
										Parish of	Crick	1	1	1

All Persons disposed to contribute to the Support of this Hospital, by their LAST WILL, are desired to do it in the following Manner :
 I T E M. I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of upon Trust, and to the Intent that they, or Either of Them, do pay the same to the Treasurer or Treasurers, for the Time being, of a Society who now call themselves the GOVERNORS of the COUNTY-HOSPITAL at Northampton; which said Sum of may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Society.

The SUBSCRIBERS are desired to Remember,

That no one can have a Right to recommend a Patient, 'till he has contributed towards the Relief of such Patient, by the Payment of his Subscription before-hand: And therefore the Governors earnestly intreat them to pay their Subscriptions (to the Treasurer at the County Hospital, or at his House in Northampton, or Mess. Gossings and Clive, our Bankers, in Fleet-Street, London) on or before the First Day of September in every Year, to which Time our annual Accounts are carried. This punctual Payment before-hand is the only Fund for the Support of this great Charity, and will be always thankfully acknowledged, as it will not only prevent Uncertainty and Confusion in the Estimate of the annual Income to support the current Expence, but will also save the Trouble and Charge of Collection, which has been always found to be very disagreeable and vexatious.

N. B. As the principal Governors have a Right to act at all Boards, and to enquire into all the Affairs of the Society, they are hereby desired to make frequent Use of this Power, and assured that their Presence to this Purpose is considered as a valuable Addition to the Charity. And, in order to supply the current Expence of the Year, It was ordered by the General Stated Court of Governors, that the following Circular Letter should be sent to those whose Subscriptions are in Arrear.

I Am to acquaint you, that it appears by the TREASURER's Accounts that your Years Subscription of per Annum, payable on the First Day of September last, has not yet been received.—It is therefore the Request of this Quarterly Court, (and they hope for the Continuance of your Favour that you would please to pay it to Mr. John Lacy, of Northampton, the present Treasurer, or to Messrs. Gossings and Clive, in Fleet-Street, London, our present Bankers; and to excuse this Application, which is meant only to inform you how much of your Subscription is now in Arrear, usually done by other Hospitals in the like Case.

Signed by Order of the General Stated Court of Governors,

WILLIAM POUNTNEY, Secretary.

1764 Mr. JOHN LACY, Bookfeller, of Northampton, Treasurer.

1759 Dr. Blencowe, } Physicians.

1765 Dr. Fothergill, }

1743 Mr. Aldⁿ Lyon, } Surgeons Extraordinary.

1761 Mr. Edw. Lichfield, }

1763 Mr. William Kerr, Surgeon in Ordinary.

Who have

engaged to attend

G R A T I S,

for the ensuing Year.

1764 Mr. William Pountney, House - Apothecary and Secretary.

1764 Mrs. Mary Knapton, Matron.

It is taken for granted (as usual in all other Hospitals) that every Subscriber will continue his Subscription for the ensuing Year, who has not sent a Notice to the contrary in Writing, to the Committee at the Hospital before the First Day of September.

††† The large Number of Surgery Patients requiring a great Quantity of Lint and Cloth, for Rowlers; LADIES, and Others, would please to send in some Old Linen, it would be esteemed a valuable Present to the CHARITY.

